



# Waganakising Odawak

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

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### CAMPING REGULATIONS FOR CAMPING ON TRIBAL LANDS REG-WOS 2005-01 091712-002

**I.** Purpose. These regulations are intended to protect the Tribe's natural resources by prescribing reasonable restrictions while affording individuals and their families the opportunity to camp on Tribal properties.

#### **II. Definitions:**

- A. Camp:** means any of the following:
- i. The erection of a tent;
  - ii. The opening or setting up of a tent-style camper;
  - iii. The parking and occupancy of a travel or house trailer; and/or
  - iv. Sleeping in any type of motor vehicle, sleeping bag, or sleeping in any other manner between the hours of 10:00 PM ~ 8:00 AM.
  - v. the area and immediate area occupied by the activity listed above.
- B. Campsite:** means the area occupied as defined under "Camp" Section II.A.
- C. Conservation Enforcement Officer:** means any sworn LTBB Tribal Conservation Officer or Law Enforcement Officer authorized by tribal regulation or statute to enforce tribal conservation related regulations, including camping.
- D. Designated Campground:** means areas recommended by the LTBB Natural Resource Commission and designated by the Tribal Council as an approved land use.
- E. Natural Resource Department (NRD):** Means the Natural Resource Department of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians.
- F. ORV:** means a motor-driven off-road recreation vehicle capable of cross-country travel without the benefit of a road or trail, on or immediately over land, snow, ice, marsh, swampland or other natural terrain.
- G. Permit or Proper Written Permission:** means a written permit issued by the LTBB Natural Resource Department.

**III. Areas Open to Camping.** Camping is permitted in any of the following tribally-owned areas:

- A. Designated Campgrounds.
- B. Tribally-owned areas authorize by Tribal Council for Natural Resource use and under the management of the Natural Resource Department (consult the Natural Resource Department for a complete listing of specific areas).

**IV. Permit System.**

- A. Any person wishing to camp on tribally-owned lands must obtain a “NRD Camping Permit” from the Natural Resource Department. Permits must be obtained prior to setting up camp.
- B. The camping permit must be visibly posted at the camp site for the duration of the authorized camping.
- C. There is a \$5.00 fee per permit, except for LTBB Tribal Elders. There shall be no fee for LTBB Tribal Elders.
- D. The Natural Resource Department Staff shall maintain record of all Camping Permits issued.

**V. Camping Rules.**

- A. Length of Stay. Campers may camp in one site for a maximum of twenty one (21) calendar days before they have to move to a new location a minimum of three-hundred (300) yards from their current site or the campsite must be vacant at least seven (7) days before the Permittee will be eligible to return. Campers are also required to obtain a new permit each time they relocate.
- B. Vehicles.
  - 1. No more than two (2) motor vehicles, excluding watercraft, will be permitted at any campsite between the hours of 10:00 PM ~ 6:00 AM.
  - 2. Motorized vehicles shall only be allowed in designated areas.
- C. Occupancy. It shall be unlawful to leave a campsite unoccupied for more than a twenty-four (24) hour period after camp has been established.
- D. Fires.

1. Firewood. Only dead and down wood may be collected or used for fires. Cutting of standing trees (dead or alive), shrubs, and plants is not permitted.
2. Campfires.
  - i. Campfires shall be no more than forty-two (42) inches in diameter.
  - ii. Campfires shall be attended at all times.
  - iii. The camp permit holder(s) shall be held responsible for proper extinguishment of the campfire and shall be held responsible for any damages that may result from the campfire itself or any other fires caused by the initial fire.
  - iv. The Permittee will be required to comply with any burning restrictions and/or bans that may be currently in place or enacted by the Tribe.
- E. Trash. All trash, garbage or general refuse must not be stored on site and must be removed from the campsite every twenty-four (24) hours except that backpack campers shall be exempt from the 24 hours requirement and shall be required to remove all trash at the conclusion of their stay. All human and pet waste must be disposed of properly in accordance with best management practices.
- F. Pets. Pets must be confined or on a leash no more than six (6) feet in length while walking and twelve (12) foot at the campsite area.
- G. Quiet Hours. Campers must maintain quiet hours between 10:00 PM ~ 7:00 AM.
- H. It shall be unlawful to do any of the following:
  1. To construct makeshift camp structures, shelters, or furniture.
  2. To dump or drain refuse from a recreational vehicle (RV) or pop-up campers.
  3. To burn or incinerate any trash, garbage or general refuse.
  4. To use a loud speaker, public address system or sound amplifying equipment of any kind, except for lawfully used electronic game calling device or to operate a motor, motor boat, motor vehicle, radio, television, generator or any other device in a manner that produces excessive noise.
  5. To engage in any violent, abusive, loud boisterous, vulgar, lewd or otherwise disorderly conduct.

6. To move, remove, destroy, mutilate, or deface posters, signs, notice or markers of the Natural Resources Department or LTBB in general.
7. To camp without obtaining a camping permit from the Natural Resources Department.
8. To operate any self-propelled motor or mechanically driven vehicle, including snowmobiles and bicycles, on other than designated established road open to the public, a trail or area properly signed by the LTBB Natural Resource Department or LTBB in general as being open to such use, or a parking lot.
9. To enter, use, or occupy lands under the management of the Natural Resource Department for any purpose when they are posted against entry, use, or occupancy, as ordered by the Department.

**VI. Enforcement.**

Natural Resource Department Conservation Officers are authorized to enforce the provisions of these regulations. All violations will be processed through LTBB Tribal Court.

**VII. Penalties and Fines.**

- A. Any person who fails to obtain a camping Permit required by these regulations, or who violates any provision of these regulations, shall be subject to a civil fine not less than \$50.00 to be assessed by Tribal Court.
- B. Applicability to Non-Members. The provisions of these regulations shall apply to all non-members and non-Indians who violate these regulations.

## CERTIFICATION

As Chairperson, I approve these Camping Regulations for Camping on Tribal Lands as approved by the Natural Resource Commission for public comment posting.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Daugherty Johnson, Natural Resource Commissioner

Concurrence By,

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Dexter McNamara, Tribal Chairperson